

**INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP**

**ON THE EIGHTH REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE  
BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

**MONDAY 27 June 2016**

**Programme**

- 10:00 Welcome  
**Marc Finaud**, Senior Programme Advisor, Emerging Security Challenges Programme, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)  
**Daniel Feakes**, Chief, BWC Implementation Support Unit (ISU)  
**Camilla Waszink**, Director Arms and Disarmament Programme International Law and Policy Institute (ILPI)
- 10:05 Brief introduction of participants (names, functions and what you hope to learn)
- 10:15 Panel/segment 1: The historical roots of biological weapons
- Politics, People, Science & Historical Roots (**Filippa Lentzos**, King's College London)
  - Biological weapons under international law: From the 1925 Geneva Protocol to the Biological Weapons Convention (**Caitriona McLeish**, Harvard Sussex Program)
- 11:30 Coffee break
- 11:45 Panel/segment 2: Current challenges and responses
- Challenges faced by the BWC (**Piers Millett**, Biosecure Ltd.)
  - The 2014/15 Ebola response (**Jetri Regmi**, WHO)
- 13:00 Lunch Break
- 14:00 Panel/segment 3: What does it mean to implement the BWC?
- A practical introduction to the BWC (**Daniel Feakes**, BWC ISU)
  - Article VII of the BWC (**Jean-Pascal Zanders**, UNODA)
  - Prohibit and prevent: National implementation of the BWC - a legal perspective (**Scott Spence**, VERTIC)

15:30 Coffee break

15:45 Panel/segment 4: Strategies for taking the BWC forward

- The Eighth BWC Review Conference – Process Overview (**Daniel Feakes**, BWC ISU)
- Strategies for taking the BWC forward (**Amb. Michael Biontino**, Germany, **Amb. D.B. Venkatesh Varma**, India, Panel discussion)

17:00 Feedback Session and Wrap-Up

17:15 Workshop Closure, followed by drinks